Community participation in Urban Poverty Alleviation Schemes

†1473. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision of community participation in urban poverty alleviation schemes;

(b) whether this scheme is being implemented in Delhi; and

(c) the number of other metro cities where this scheme is being implemented or proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) With a view to ameliorate the living condition of urban poor, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis since 1.12.1997. The scheme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

The implementation of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana rests on the foundation of community empowerment. This programme focuses on establishing and promoting community organizations and structures to provide supporting and facilitating mechanism for local development. Towards this end community organizations like Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs), Neighbourhood Committees (NHCs) and Community Development Societies (CDSs) are set up in the target areas.

(b) and (c) The scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is being implemented on all India basis, in all urban towns/cities including the city of Delhi.

Private developers for shortage of houses in cities

1474. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to take private builders and developers on board to cater to the increasing demand for houses in cities and towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the country is facing acute shortage of houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Land being a State subject, primarily, it is for the State Governments to take steps to cater for the increasing demand for houses in cities and towns. The Union Government has however formulated the National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy (NUHHP), 2007, which was laid in both Houses of the

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